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1. COVERAGE OF LEBANESE CRISIS IN CAIRO PRESS JANUARY 16 INCLUDES CALL OF ARAB LEAGUE SYG MAHMUD RIAD FOR "URGENT ARAB ACTION AT HIGHEST LEVEL" TO AVERT CATASTROPHE. AHRAM'S ARAB AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THAT LACK OF SUCCESS SO FAR ON REPEATED CALLS FOR ARAB ACTION ON LEBANON DUE TO LEBANON'S FAILURE TO DEFINE ITS STAND ON QUESTION OF ARAB INTERVENTION TO ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT (REFTEL). PROPOSAL THAT SYG VISIT BEIRUT FOR RENEWED ATTEMPT AT MEDIATION REPORTEDLY ALSO IN LIMBO IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL REQUEST BY ANY MEMBER STATE.

2. RIAD CONTINUES URGENT CONSULTATION ON CRISIS WITH
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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO ARAB LEAGUE. ACTING

PERMANENT DELEGATE OF NORTH YEMEN REPORTEDLY DELIVERED
TO RIAD OFFICIAL NOTE FOR CIRCULATION TO ARAB LEAGUE
MEMBER STATES CALLING FOR JOINT ARAB PEACEKEEPING FORCE
FOR LEBANON. RIAD ALSO MET WITH LEBANESE AMBASSADOR AND
VISITING TUNISIAN FONMIN CHATTI; LATTER REPORTEDLY TOLD
CORRESPONDENT AFTER MEETING THAT TUNISIA SUPPORTS ANY
ARAB MOVE, COLLECTIVE OR INTERNATIONAL, AMINED ENDING
CONFLICT AS LONG AS ALL CONCERNED LEBANESE PARTIES AGREE.
OBTAINING LEBANESE PARTIES' AGREEMENT FOR CONCILIATION,
CHATTI ADDED, IS TASK FOR ARAB LEAGUE SYG.

3. ACCORDING TO AHARAM, PRESIDENT SADAT HAS INVITED
"CHAIRMEN OF CONSTITUTIONAL INSTITUTIONS" - VICE PRESIDENT,
PRIMIN, SPEAKER OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY, AND FIRST SECRETARY OF
ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE -- TO MEETING JANUARY 17 FOR
COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF LEBANESE SITUATION. EGYPTIAN
AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, WHO RECENTLY RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS,
WILL ALSO ATTEND AND GIVE DETAILED REPORT. PEOPLES ASSEMBLY
ARAB AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING JANUARY 15 RECOMMENDED
THA GOE USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO END FIGHTING, SAFEGUARD
PALESTINAIN RESISTANCE, AND DEVISE FORMULA FOR
RECONCILIATION.
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